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Duluth Man Honored by Disability Advocacy Organization

Robbie Reedy of Duluth will receive the Bill Sackter Citizenship Award from The Arc Minnesota. Reedy will receive the award at The Arc Minnesota's Awards Banquet on Friday evening, September 23, 2016 at the Shoreview Community Center in Shoreview, Minnesota.

The Bill Sackter Citizenship Award honors an outstanding individual with intellectual or developmental disabilities who is an achieving, included member of the community. This award is named after a man with intellectual disabilities who moved successfully from a state institution to live and work in the community and was featured in the 1980s movie "Bill." Reedy is being honored for his involvement in and many contributions to communities across the state of Minnesota.

Reedy participates in the Bold Choice theatre group in Duluth, and he has jobs at the Black Bear Casino in Carlton, Minnesota and at Miller Hill Subaru in Hermantown, Minnesota. He is a known by his peers as a strong self-advocate, serves on the board for Self Advocates Minnesota, an organization of people with disabilities who support each other and develop their advocacy skills. A member on the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, Reedy is currently serving as Vice-Chair of the Public Policy Committee. Colleagues on this council praise him for his understanding and knowledge regarding a variety of disability issues and policies.

The Arc Minnesota's September 23rd banquet honoring Reedy will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria Street North in Shoreview, Minnesota. You can order tickets for the event by contacting Mike Gude at 651-604-8066 or mikeg@arcmn.org.

The Arc Minnesota's Awards Banquet is part of the organization's annual state conference. This year's conference, "The Power of Community: Connections That Transform Lives," is also being held at the Shoreview Community Center on Saturday, September 24, 2016. The all-day event will include workshops on best practices, success stories, and one-on-one assistance and advice to help people with disabilities become more fully included in their community. The

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conference is geared to people with disabilities, their family members, and direct care staff who support them. For more information, go to www.arcmn.org/state-conference-2016

The Arc Minnesota is a statewide, non-profit organization that promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. It is supported by members, partners, and 10 affiliated chapters statewide. For more information, go to www.arcmn.org

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